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**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY FRIENDS OF HELLENIC STUDIES (FHS)**

**MINUTES**

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

FHS MONTHLY MEETING (On Zoom)

Start: 6:38 P.M.

**Present:** Cathy Karathanasis, Mariea Kazantzis, Katherine Panagakos, Tula Christopoulos, Tom Papademetriou, David Roessel

* Mariea hosted and ran the meeting
* Approval of September minutes. Katherine moved; Tula seconded; Minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Tula submitted an Operating Account sheet showing a balance of $115,000.10 as of 10/11/22. It was suggested that future Financial Reports show, in addition to current balances, previous and year to date balances as well, i.e. 3 columns labeled Current Month’s Transactions; Disbursements; Year to Date.

**Scholarship Update:** Katherine received articles and pictures from scholarship recipients Justin Melchionne and Jacob Collver which will be included in *The Hellenic Voice.*

**Pappas Hellenic Center:**

* Tom reported that, due to decreased funding for next year’s Troy to Ithaca trip, this year’s Osprey’s Give will include donations targeting that program. $2,500 will be matched by an anonymous donor. Additional notices will go out and will be shared on social media. David reported that the program will go forward in the spring and that the number of students who will participate will depend on how much money is raised. A Professor from the University of Chicago will also take part in the trip.
* Tom spoke with the Provost and others concerning the Georges Endowed Professorship of Greek Art and Architecture and why it’s important that the position be filled.
* Tom met with the librarian Pat Thatcher about the issue of the tossing out of certain reference books. Tom will hire student workers to scan certain items and has been assured that the Constantelos collection will remain intact.
* Tom reported that he will be traveling to Toronto for an in-person symposium of the Modern Greek Studies Association.

**Old Business:**

* The FHS website and emails are being monitored and updated. Katherine will share her Distribution List so that it too can be updated.
* The Get Involved Information Fair was held on 9/20 and 9/21. The Stockton Hellenic Society table had enough students show up so that the club was reinstated.

**New Business**:

* Stockton’s annual Osprey’s Give will be held on October 12 & 13. Tula sent out announcements and spoke with members of the community, including the Philoptochos women, who agreed to donate $500 to help fund the Troy to Ithaca program.
* Volume 3 Issue 1 of *The Hellenic Voice* is coming along and should be ready for distribution by the end of October/beginning of November. Discussion ensued about how to get more people to participate in its preparation and incentives to read the newsletter.
* AAUW’s visit to the Constantelos Reading Room is scheduled for October 28th. Tom, Tula and Cathy will speak.
* The Classical Humanities Society needs to be revived. At our last meeting Sarah had offered to speak with Emily Van Duyne about asking her to speak about her Fulbright experience in Greece.
* The trip to the Philadelphia Art Museum will take place on Friday, November 11th. Katherine will speak to Bryan about transportation and help arrange the specifics. Tula will contact Zoe Pappas. Additional information will be discussed at our next meeting.
* Exploring Hellenism—Pontos: Tentative dates of April 29th or 30th and possible venues were discussed. Tula offered to check if the Campus Center Theatre and Event Room are available and will speak with the caterers. Mariea reported that she spoke with Effie Pavlidou, President of the Pontian Organization in Upper Darby who can supply us with dancers free of charge. We would have to pay $800 for the musicians. Mariea and Tom will speak with Nikos Michaelidis who, while unavailable to speak in person, might be able to do a virtual lecture. Other names which were mentioned include Vasiliki Tsanaxidou and Theodosios Kyriakides.
* Also discussed were ideas for future fund raising events and about possibly changing the day of our meetings since Katherine will be teaching on Tuesdays beginning in January.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:55 P.M.

**Next Meeting**: November 8, 2022, 6:30 P.M.

*The Friends of Hellenic Studies Mission:*

*To promote and help strengthen the Stockton Hellenic Studies program and enable Hellenic Studies students acquire the knowledge first developed by ancient, classical, byzantine and contemporary Greek scholars. FHS does this through annual fundraising events which fund scholarships, student and faculty financial support for study abroad to Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, lecture series and symposia and cultural activities.*